DELTA TRAIL CONCEPT

Recreation/Environment Discussion Summary Notes April 20, 2006

Opportunities

- Transportation option
- Timing/integration with other plans (State Parks, county general plans, Contra Costa County Transportation Plan, County Park and Open Space Plans/Elements, Delta branding, etc.)
- Potential connections with non-motorized water trails, SACOG bike/pedestrian trail, Sacramento Two Rivers Trail, Sacramento Riverfront Parkway, Port of Sacramento, Rio Vista River Trail, Delta Discovery Center, Stone Lakes, etc.
- Partnership grant opportunities
- Economic viability/sustainability through ag-tourism and eco-tourism
- Multi-use components, including equestrian, boating, biking, and pedestrian
- Destination attraction sites for boaters
- Sport fishing access
- Connectivity for commercial facilities, including restaurants and marinas
- Historical/cultural educational opportunities
- Connectivity for independent loops/attractions/facilities
- Landowner/stakeholder input throughout planning process

Concerns

- Timing could be restrictive given Delta Branding efforts currently underway
- Need to strategize for compatibility with other efforts
- Need to include related amenities such as restroom facilities, boater-to-shore access
- Need to include parking facilities including sites for boat trailers
- Need to include equestrian amenities (watering areas, separate parking for trailer loading and unloading, tie-up areas, etc.)
- Logistic challenges (infrastructure, etc.)
- Feasibility of willing-landowner easements
- Need to improve upon existing facilities as well as creating new amenities/opportunities
- Cross-county commitment
- Inverse condemnation/Eminent Domain
- Funding in light of need for infrastructure improvements for public health/safety
- Existing disconnect as baseline

Legislation/Facilitation

- Send agendas and summary notes for each meeting to all focus discussion invitees
- Confirm inclusion of DPC committees on notice mailing lists
- Eventually facilitate all-inclusive stakeholder groups discussions

Attendees/Commentors

Russell Van Loben Sels, Landowner Charlotte Mitchell, Sacramento County Farm Bureau Tony Chappelle, Wildlife Conservation Board MK Veloz, NCMA Ken Scheidegger, Discover the Delta Foundation Brian Collett, The Dangermond Group Steve Hermsmeyer, Solano County Parks & Recreation Guy Kolling, Sacramento County Parks